

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1) (currently amended) An extension socket device, electrically equipped with a plurality of socket units [(15)] and a cord storage and dispensing system, comprises a ~~rectangular~~ housing body [(10)] formed by two hollow parts [(10a, 10b)], an electrical plug [(22)] and an extension cord [(21)] wherein a ~~the~~ larger hollow part [(10a)] of the ~~rectangular~~ housing body [(10)] comprises a top wall [(11)], ~~two~~ end walls [(12)] and ~~two~~ side walls [(13)]; a ~~the~~ smaller hollow part [(10b)] comprises an endless ~~a ring-like~~ intermediate wall [(17)] and a bottom wall [(14)], wherein the smaller hollow part [(10b)] contains a working enclosure defining a working space for a ~~the~~ wiring mechanism of the socket units [(15)], is characterised in that ~~which~~ a receiving track [(19)] of predetermined space is formed between the end and side walls of the larger hollow part [(10a)] and the endless intermediate wall of the smaller hollow part [(10b)] when assembled and the receiving track has an opening adjacent the bottom wall of the smaller hollow part; and a plurality of flexible retainer means [(20)] is ~~integrally~~ provided along the opening of the receiving track ~~bottom edge of the smaller hollow part (10b)~~; whereby the extension cord [(21)] of predetermined length in single file can be fully retracted into the receiving track [(19)].

2) (canceled)

3) (currently amended) An extension socket device with a cord storage and dispensing system [as in] in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each ~~the~~ flexible retainer means [(20)] takes the form of an inverted L-shaped element ~~integrally~~ provided along the bottom edge of the smaller

hollow part ~~[[ (10b) ]]~~, wherein ~~a~~ a ~~[[the]]~~ horizontal arm of each ~~[[the]]~~ L-shaped element covers partially the opening of the receiving track ~~\_(19)\_~~, ~~and space is also provided between the inverted L-shaped element and the intermediate wall (17).~~

4) (currently amended) An extension socket device with a cord storage and dispensing system ~~[[as in]]~~ in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the cord storage and dispensing system comprises the receiving track ~~[[ (19) ]]~~ and the flexible retainer means ~~[[ (20) ]]~~.

5) (currently amended) An extension socket device with a cord storage and dispensing system ~~[[as in]]~~ in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the flexible retainer means ~~[[ (20) ]]~~ are integrally moulded as structural features of the smaller hollow part ~~[[ (10b) ]]~~ of the housing body ~~[[ (10) ]]~~.